

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Employment & Training Department – Misappropriation of Government funds during the year 1997-98 - Allegations against Sri V.Venkatewaralu, Assistant Director (Training) (Retd.), District Level Training Center / Industrial Training Institute, Guntur —Enquiry conducted —Charges proved - Concurrence of Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission — Imposing the punishment of 10% cut in pension for 5 years besides recovery of Rs. 57,737/- – Orders – Issued.

LABOUR EMPLOYMENT TRAINING & FACTORIES (VIG) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 103

Dated : 07.11.2009

Read the following:

1. From the Director of Employment & Training, Hyderabad, letter No.M2/674/98, dt.17.5.2000.
2. G.O.Rt.No.1429 L.E.T.& F (Emp.) Deptt., dt.28.7.2000.
3. From Sri V.Radhakrishna Murthy, Enquiry Officer Report, dated:27.10.2000.
4. G.O.Rt.No. 3216 LET & F (Emp.) Deptt. dt.13.12.2001.
5. G.O.Rt.No. 3217 LET & F (Emp.) Dept dt: 13.12.2001.
6. Reply from Sri V.Venkateswarlu, Asst.Director (Retd), dt.27.2.2002.
7. From the Inquiry Officer Report, dt: 17-1-2003.
8. Govt. Memo.No. 615/Vig/2000-18, dt: 21.8.2006.
9. Representation of Sri V.Venkateswarlu, Assistant Director (Trg.) (Retd), dt: 10-10-2006.
10. Govt.Memo.No. 615/Vig/2000-23, Dated 10.07.2007.
11. Representation from Sri V.Venkateswarulu, dated 22.08.2007.
12. Govt.Memo.No.615/Vig./2000-26, dated: 4.7.2009.
13. Representation from Sri V.Venkateswarlu, dated:28.7.2009.
14. Govt. Lr.No. 615/Vig/2000-28, dated 18.08.2009.
15. From the APPSC, Lr. No. 1105/RT-I/3/2009, Dated 19.10.2009.

ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, it has been brought to the notice of the Government that certain allegations of misappropriation and misuse of Government funds in purchase of stores material and equipment to District Level Training Centre / Industrial Training Institute, Guntur was occurred wherein an expenditure of Rs. 2,41,938/ under 240 Material and Supplies head of account was incurred and out of this expenditure an amount of Rs.1,03,668/- was arrived as paid excess to the traders over and above the market value. Therefore, the Commissioner of Employment and Training has requested to sanction permission for institution of the disciplinary proceedings against Sri V.Venkateswarlu, Assistant Director (Trg.) (Retd), District Level Training Centre/ Industrial Training Institute, Guntur as he retired from service. Accordingly in the reference 2nd read above, Sri V.Radhakrishna Murthy, the then Principal, Industrial Training Institute, Vijayawada was appointed an Enquiry Officer to conduct enquiry in the matter.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the Enquiry Officer has submitted his report concluding that both Sri V.Venkateswarlu, formerly Assistant Director and Sri P.D.Sarma, Store Keeper connived with the non-local firms in as much as having called for quotations only from the three firms which are based in Hyderabad ignoring the local firms and caused a loss of Rs.1,03,664/- to Government by purchasing the material at inflated rates.

3. In the reference 4th read above, sanction was accorded for instituting departmental proceedings against the Charged Officer and Sri Iftekhar Mohd Khan, Joint Director (Trg) was appointed as Enquiry Officer for conducting enquiry against the Charged Officer. In the reference 5th read above, articles of charges were served on Sri V.Venkateswarlu, Assistant Director (Trg.) (Retd) with a request to submit his written statement of defence. Accordingly the Charged Officer has submitted his written statement.

4. In the reference 7th read above, the Enquiry Officer has submitted his report substantiating the 4 charges ie., 1,2,4 & 6 out of 7 charges against the Charged Officer. The following are the charges against the Charged Officer:-

Charge No.1 :- Sri V.Venkateswarlu while working as Assistant Director (Trg), D.L.T.D/I.T.I Guntur (now retired) purchased stores material worth of Rs.2,49,938/- at inflated rates connived with the suppliers, from the budget allotted under Non-Plan of Rs.2.50 lakhs under 240-Materials and Supplies whose market cost was Rs.1,46,270.10 ps. and made excess payment of Rs.1,03,664/- by purchasing Stores Material at exorbitant rate during 1997-98. He caused loss to Government to the tune of Rs.1,03,664/-.

Charge No.2:- He made purchases of Stores Material worth of Rs.2,49,787/- at inflated rates, connived with supplier, from the Non-World Bank Budget of Rs.2.5 lakhs allotted under 190-191 purchases, only 2 firms i.e., Sri Venkateswara Traders, Hyderabad and Sri Sai Teja Enterprises, Secunderabad (not having APGST No.) ignoring local market of Guntur. He should have called quotations from more number of Firms. Later when grave irregularities came to his office, he prepared Demand Draft of the said amount after passing the Bill by the District Treasury Officer, Guntur as material was not received from the suppliers and sent to the Director.

Charge No.3:- Certain items not called for in the quotations were quoted by the Suppliers and the same were accepted by him. For example he called quotations for procurement of Tools for Draughts men (Civil) Trade for 9 items vide letter No.Tools/DC/97, dated 23.12.1997. But the firm quoted rates for 11 items. The extra two items are as follows:-

- a. Drawing Tables.
- b. Drawing Stools.

This shows that the material though not needed was purchased by him without following prescribed procedure.

Charge No.4:- M/s. Sai Teja Enterprises, Secunderabad offered lowest rates of Rs.858/- in their quotation for supply of Top Gear Shaft but in the comparative statement the rate was mentioned as Rs.888/- due to this wrong entry the supply

order was placed to M/s Sri Venkateswara Traders, Hyderabad instead to Sri Sai Teja Enterprises, Secunderabad. The grave negligence on the part of Sri V. Venkateswarlu has resulted loss of Rs.30/- in the Government towards purchase of each Top Gear Shaft.

Charge 5:- He diversified the budget allotted from one Head of Account to other Head of Account towards purchase of Stores Material. The expenditure meant for under 191 Purchases was met from a different Head of Account i.e., 240 Materials & Supplies and vice-versa.

Charge No.6:- No purchase orders were dispatched through the office. The bills received from the firms have been entered in D.P.R. only, but most of the Bills were not entered in Stock Register. The Bills without making stock entries in the Stock Register and without receipt of the material and without affixing the Stock Entry Certificate on the Bills, the Bills were claimed and amount were drawn from the Treasury. He violated all the norms in procuring Stores Material without following prescribed procedure.

Charge No.7: He splitted the purchase order with purchasing powers of Rs.1,000/- delegated to the Principal in Directorate Memo No. 2966/E1/67, dated 16.8.1967.

5. In the reference 8th read above, a copy of the enquiry report was served on Sri V.Venkateswarlu, Assistant Director (Trg.) (Retd), District Level Training Centre / Industrial Training Institute, Guntur and in the reference 9th read above, Sri V.Venkateswarlu, Assistant Director (Trg.) (Retd) District Level Training Centre / Industrial Training Institute, Guntur has submitted his representation denying the charges.

6. In the reference 10th read above, a show cause notice was served on him as to why the penalty of 10% cut in pension permanently besides recovery of Rs.50,737/- should not be imposed on him. In the reference 11th read above, he has submitted his written representation. Government have examined his representation and decided to revise the quantum of punishment to a cut of 10% in pension for 5 years besides recovery of Rs. 57,737/-

7. Accordingly, in the reference 12th read above, a revised show cause notice was issued to Sri V.Venkateswarlu, Assistant Director (Trg.) (Retd), District Level Training Centre / Industrial Training Institute, Guntur as to why a cut of 10% in pension for 5 years should not be imposed on him besides recovery of Rs.57,737/- under rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980. In the reference 13th read above, the Charged Officer has submitted his explanation duly accepting for the above punishment.

8. In the reference 14th read above, the Seretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission was requested to communicate the concurrence of the Commission for imposing the punishment on the Charged Officer. In the reference 15th read above the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission have communicated their concurrence for imposing the above punishment.

9. Government, after careful examination of reply of Sri V.Venkateswarlu, Assistant Director (Trg.) (Retd), District Level Training Centre / Industrial Training Institute, Guntur to the show cause notice, considering the findings of the inquiry report, the representation of the Charged Officer on the inquiry report and his reply to the show cause notice and all the relevant material made available and after obtaining the concurrence of the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, have decided to impose the punishment of 10% cut in pension for 5 years and besides recovery of Rs. 57,737/- under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 against Sri V.Venkateswarlu, Assistant Director (Trg.) (Retd.), District Level Training Center / Industrial Training Institute, Guntur..

10. Accordingly, Government, in exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 hereby impose the penalty of 10% cut in pension for 5 years and besides recovery of Rs. 57,737/- on Sri V.Venkateswarlu, Assistant Director (Trg.) (Retd) District Level Training Centre / Industrial Training Institute, Guntur with immediate effect.

11. The Director of Employment and Training shall take necessary action in the matter and send the compliance report to Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

BHANWAR LAL,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri V.Venkateswarlu, Assistant Director (Trg.) (Retd), District Level Training
Centre / Industrial Training Institute, Guntur through
The Director of Employment and Training, Andhra Pradesh,
Hyderabad.

The Director of Employment and Training , Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.
Sf/Sc.

//Forwarded ::By order//

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